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(b) whether there is any proposal to have the preparation of the adults' lists as well as the census both at the same time to minimize expenditure?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (a) & (b) Instructions from the President, Constituent Assembly, are awaited."

Government bus service in the City of Madras.

* 62 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) the number of buses put on the road in the Madras City up to 1st February 1948, the cost and expenditure incurred for running them and the income; and

(b) the expenditure incurred on machinery and buildings for the workshop for motor repairs, the number of workmen, their salaries and other expenses up to 1st February 1948?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Prohibition) :—" The Government do not consider it desirable in the public interest to give financial figures for broken periods, with reference to the Government Transport Department. They are however prepared to place on the table of the House in due course a balance sheet of the Government Bus Service in the financial year based on the preliminary accounts up to the end of March 1948."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the transport services are to be the monopoly of Government or is there any idea of forming a company consisting of the Railway, the fleet-owners, the local bodies and the Government?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" That is the general policy, Sir, to have a company consisting of the Government, the Government of India who have taken over the Railways and the fleet-owners."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it proposed, Sir, to form such a company even for the City of Madras?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" When the nationalization is completed buses in the City will also come under that scheme."

Supply of iron and steel for the manufacturing of agricultural implements.

* 63 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state what steps are being taken by the Provincial Government to secure or provide adequate supplies of iron and steel required by factories engaged in manufacturing agricultural implements, machine tools, etc.?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Iron, steel and defectives from the Provincial quota are allotted to fabricators of agricultural implements according to the needs for

food production. Steel for factories manufacturing machine tools is supplied by the Government of India direct to these factories; but this Government are now trying to get a lump allotment under this quota and distribute it to the factories. They are also repeatedly pressing the Government of India for larger quantities of iron and steel under all quotas."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government have received complaints from manufacturers of agricultural implements that in spite of repeated requests, they have not been receiving adequate quantities and they have not been able to produce larger quantity of agricultural implements? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir. The supply is not adequate for the entire province and so the supply to various individuals will be less."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what steps this Government have taken in order that agricultural implements may be supplied in larger quantities in the interests of the Grow More Food Campaign? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" As I have already said, we are pressing the Government of India for larger quantities of iron and steel for these purposes and we have also said that special allotments must be made for agricultural purposes."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Have you been able to squeeze out anything? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Squeezing is going on, Sir, but the result is awaited." (Laughter.)

Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

* 64 Q.—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the date on which Sri K. M. Unnithan, I.C.S., joined duty as the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils;

(*b*) the amount of travelling allowances drawn by Sri K. M. Unnithan, I.C.S., as Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils, during the years 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947;

(*c*) the number of local bodies the Inspector of Local Boards inspected or visited during the years 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947; and

(*d*) the number of inspection notes the Inspector of Local Boards issued in 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947 after his inspection of local bodies?